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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	10/26/2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Doyle, Public Member, **President**
Dr. William Northey, LMFT, **Secretary**, Presiding
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Mary Davis, LCDP
Tracy Hansen, LMFT
Vera Murrell, Public Member (12:08 p.m. – 1:26 p.m.)

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Ritchie, Professional Member, **Vice President**
Gregg Drevno, LPCMH
Julius Mullen, LPCMH
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Lorena Hartnett, Wilcox & Fetzer

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Doyle called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2011

The Board reviewed the August 24, 2011 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sign Order for Donald Hearn from Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held on August 24, 2011

The Board members who attended the hearing affixed their signatures to the Order.

Discussion Regarding BC/BS Credentialing

Ms. Williams informed the Board that she contacted Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware regarding the credentialing of Marriage and Family Therapists. To date, she has not heard a response from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Dr. Northey informed the Board that he received notification that Blue Cross Blue Shield is now credentialing MFT's.

Continued Discussion Regarding Practice Acts

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to form a legislative committee to consider practice acts as well as other legislation. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Davis, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Cherneski and Dr. Northey volunteered to be on the legislative committee.

Recommendations from the Subcommittee Regarding the National Association of Forensic Counselors

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to only accept this certification for applicants applying for LCDP by reciprocity at this time. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Davis informed the Board that the subcommittee has scheduled another meeting for more in-depth discussion for licensees applying by this specific certification. The subcommittee will meet on December 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Davis also invited Mary Jo Mather, the Executive Director of the Delaware Certification Board to attend the December 14, 2011 meeting for additional comments. Ms. Williams will contact the NAFC to invite a delegate as well.

Review Previously Tabled Application for Rosanne Walsh (Required to Submit Additional Documentation Regarding Certification)

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application for Rosanne Walsh, who is certified as a co-occurring disorders diplomat through the Pennsylvania Certification Board. The Board previously requested additional documentation regarding the certification, Ms. Walsh submitted additional information, and at this time the Board is unable to determine if her certification is substantially similar to the NBCC. Ms. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to propose to deny Ms. Walsh's application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request from Melissa Weyl Regarding Post Renewal Audit Deficiency

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Ms. Weyl requesting reconsideration of the courses that were not approved during the post renewal audit. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to schedule Ms. Weyl for a Rule to Show Cause Hearing, due to being deficient. Motion unanimously carried.

HEARINGS

Rules and Regulations Hearing (12:00 p.m.)

At 12:06 p.m., Mr. Doyle called the public hearing to order. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Stevenson stated the purpose of the hearing. The following items were marked as Board Exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – News Journal publication affidavit; Board Exhibit 2 – Delaware State News publication affidavit. The board introduced themselves for the record. Mr. Doyle opened the floor to the public for comments, for which there were none. At 12:09 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 12:14 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Ms. Ms. Hansen, to adopt the proposed rules and regulations as proposed. Motion unanimously carried. The Board members affixed their signatures to the Order. The hearing adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – Continued Proposed to Deny Hearing for Sara Brinkerhoff

At 1:02 p.m., Mr. Doyle called the proposed to deny hearing to order for Sara Brinkerhoff. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Doyle informed Ms. Brinkerhoff that the Board determined that her certification was determined to be substantially similar. At 1:04 p.m. the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 1:05 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Ms. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve Ms. Brinkerhoff for licensure. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 1:06 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Susan Bennett

The Board reviewed Susan Bennett's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Joyce Keene

The Board reviewed Joyce Keene's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Christopher Morkides

The Board reviewed Christopher Morkides' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **table** the application for clarification of his supervisory dates and hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Carolyn Thompson

The Board reviewed Carolyn Thompson's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Renee Wyatt

The Board reviewed Renee Wyatt's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Cynthia Wager

The Board reviewed Cynthia Wagner's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Jessica Sinarski

The Board reviewed Jessica Sinarski's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application **contingent upon receipt of verification of certification from the NBCC**. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH – Alissa Bonebrake

The Board reviewed Alissa Bonebrake's application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH – Sabrina Wannamaker

The Board reviewed Sabrina Wannamaker's application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH – Monica Morrow

The Board reviewed Monica Morrow's application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH – Brian Evans

The Board reviewed Brian Evans' application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LCDP – Mark Layon

The Board reviewed Mark Layon's application for LCDP licensure. Ms. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request of New Clinical Supervisor – Todd Grande

The Board reviewed the correspondence and documentation from Todd Grande regarding his clinical supervision. Mr. Grande requested that the Board approve Evelyn Cruz as his new supervisor. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Banta, to **approve** Mr. Grande's request. Motion carried with Mr. Cherneski abstaining.

Memorandum from Director James Collins Regarding Next Legislative Process

The Board reviewed the memorandum from Director Collins and has already formed a Legislative Committee to discuss practice acts as well as other legislation. The Legislative Committee will meet on October 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from Delaware Hospice

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the following CE activities for Delaware Hospice as noted below:

Peace at Last; A Warrior's Journey from Wartime to End of Life (6 Hours)

Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Special Accommodations

The Board reviewed the request for special accommodations from Cynthia Chestnut to sit for the AMFTRB exam. Ms. Williams asked the Board for clarification, if the request is approved, regarding the expiration of the special accommodations approval. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the special accommodation request for Cynthia Chestnut, and the approval for accommodations will expire if she does not pass the exam within the two years from when her application was submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

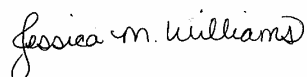
Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2011, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Williams
Administrative Specialist II